



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 17, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 46 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 51 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 59.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 64.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 78.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. Light precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the State with an average of 2.80 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 17, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	3	0	7	8
Rice, planted	5	1	16	8
Winter wheat, headed	11	2	9	5

Crop condition for week ending March 17, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	2	14	45	35	4
Pasture	3	22	42	30	3
Sugarcane	3	7	42	39	9
Vegetables	0	12	43	41	4
Winter wheat	0	15	46	33	6

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“A few dry days with sunshine and windy condition set up for better field conditions. Fieldwork on lighter soils began late last week, with a few fields being planted. Fieldwork and planting on lighter soils will take place all over the parish this week. Fieldwork in heavier soils is still a couple of weeks off due to soil profile saturation.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Consistent dry weather paired with north winds allowed for corn planting to begin late last week and through the weekend. Winter wheat had minimal freeze damage from the prior cold front and growth stages range from boot to flowering across Avoyelles. Conditions appear favorable for the majority of the upcoming week, so a progression of planting and fieldwork is to be expected as producers play catch-up from an abnormally wet winter and fall.”

–Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish

“Fields continued to dry as weather turned cool and windy. Sugarcane growers are clipping cane and are putting out spring weed control herbicides. Subsoil conditions are still too wet to drill plant or deep plow. Spring ryegrass is making good growth for cattle. Spring vegetables are rebounding from the recent frost. Crawfish catch has been slowed by the cool weather.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“With no rain over the last week, fields are drying well. This upcoming week will be productive for planting rice by air and ground. The corn planting area of the parish will also make progress this week. Sugarcane growers will soon begin their spring fieldwork, the crawfish catch is up and down, more consistent weather would help improve all production areas. Livestock pastures begin to green and hay producers are in the field applying herbicides and fertilizer.”

– Vincent Deshotel Saint Landry Parish

“Some rice was water seeded last week. With little rain last week, more fieldwork will be done this week. Hopefully with sunny and warmer days ahead we should see a lot rice being drilled this week. Ranchers hoping this is the last cool spell for year as hay is running out. Pastures should start to green up more this week.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 17, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	66.7	45.9	56.3	55.1	1.2	2.66	3	1.60	7.90	3.12
Mooringsport	64.7	46.7	55.7	56.2	-0.5	1.00	3	0.06	2.84	-1.06
Red River	69.8	54.5	62.1	56.4	6.1	1.53	2	0.99	5.17	1.29
Shreveport	66.7	47.1	56.9	56.1	0.8	1.57	2	0.58	5.26	0.94
Extreme/Average	67.0	48.5	57.8	56.0	1.9	1.69	3	0.81	5.29	1.07
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	68.6	45.8	57.2	53.7	3.8	2.80	3	1.99	8.21	3.48
Extreme/Average	68.6	45.8	57.2	54.8	3.8	2.80	3	1.99	8.21	3.48
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	69.1	52.3	60.7	55.2	5.5	1.49	3	0.38	8.64	4.19
St Joseph	71.2	50.0	60.6	57.7	3.1	0.37	2	-0.57	6.27	1.19
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.27	0.61
Extreme/Average	70.2	51.1	60.7	56.7	4.3	0.93	3	-0.09	6.39	2.00
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	70.9	51.9	61.4	58.4	3.0	0.06	1	-0.95	2.16	-2.37
Natchitoches	70.7	49.4	60.1	58.6	1.5	0.78	2	-0.29	4.26	-0.10
Extreme/Average	70.8	50.6	60.7	57.8	2.2	0.42	2	-0.62	3.21	-1.24
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	70.4	54.0	62.2	58.8	3.4	(NA)	0	-1.16	3.41	-1.74
Bunkie	70.3	54.9	62.6	59.3	3.3	0.20	2	-0.90	4.87	0.01
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	70.6	51.7	61.1	57.6	3.6	0.28	1	-0.96	4.28	-0.81
New Roads	78.0	59.8	68.9	59.7	9.5	0.65	1	0.10	4.52	0.67
Extreme/Average	72.3	55.1	63.7	59.3	5.0	0.38	2	-0.73	4.27	-0.47
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.15	2	(NA)	4.51	(NA)
Slidell	72.4	56.4	64.4	60.1	4.3	0.69	2	-0.45	5.94	1.19
Extreme/Average	72.4	56.4	64.4	59.8	4.3	0.42	2	-0.45	5.22	1.19
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.1	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.51	3.75	0.19
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	72.1	56.3	64.2	60.2	4.0	0.31	2	-0.59	3.07	-0.83
Oberlin Fire	69.3	54.2	61.8	60.0	1.6	0.00	0	-0.79	3.41	-0.81
Extreme/Average	70.7	55.2	63.0	60.0	2.8	0.10	2	-0.63	3.41	-0.48
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	74.6	57.0	65.8	60.5	5.3	0.56	2	-0.34	4.79	0.49
Jeanerette	72.6	58.1	65.4	61.1	4.3	1.10	2	0.28	4.41	0.59
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	71.1	59.9	65.5	60.9	4.6	0.82	3	-0.10	4.22	0.74
Extreme/Average	72.8	58.3	65.6	60.7	4.7	0.83	3	-0.05	4.47	0.61
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	72.9	59.7	66.3	61.9	4.4	1.32	2	0.26	4.52	0.71
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.55	2	-0.47	4.98	0.35
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.09	2.55
Extreme/Average	72.9	59.7	66.3	62.6	4.4	0.94	2	-0.10	4.53	1.20
<b>State</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>4.97</b>	<b>0.78</b>

(NA) Not available.  
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.  
DFN = Departure From Normal.